Chapter 12.2

Preapproach, Prospecting & Product Information



Preapproach / Approach

- Preapproach is getting ready for the face-to-face encounter in a selling situation.
- Approach is the actual face-to-face meeting.



Sales Preparation

- Industry Trends
- Researching potential customers
- Becoming familiarwith companypolicies andprocedures



PROSPECTING....Looking for new customers

Business-to-Business situations —
Prospecting is especially important

Helps with new accounts

Directories, Periodicals, Personal leads



PROSPECTING ----

EMPLOYER LEADS:

Telemarketing,
 Employer leads,
 Customer leads,
 Trade Shows

• TELEPHONE DIRECTORIES:

White and Yellow Pages



TRADE & PROFESSIONAL DIRECTORIES:

Thomas Register of American Manufacturers

NEWSPAPERS

Birth announcements, Engagements



COMMERCIAL LISTS

Lists purchased for potential customers

CUSTOMERS REFERRALS:

Satisfied Customers

 Ask for names from customers – Endless Chain method

COLD CANVASSING

Random and without appointment

Telephone random numbers

Door-to-door business contacts



Business to Business

- Dealing with previous customers
- Past sales records
- Notes about buyers personality
- Family and personal interests
- Hobbies



RETAIL SALES

- Preparing work and merchandise areas
 - Straightening, replenishing stock
 - What stock is in the inventory
 - What stock may be special ordered
 - Arranging displays
 - Cleaning

